



Tony Evers

Office of the Governor | State of Wisconsin

November 27, 2019

Via Electronic Mail Only

Hello Ms. Beck:

This is in response to your November 13, 2019, request for the following: “All emails sent and received by Gov. Tony Evers on Nov. 12, 2019.” We interpreted your request to be for emails sent and received by Gov. Tony Evers using his unlisted government email account, which he has direct review over, as opposed to emails sent to general office mailboxes govinfo@wisconsin.gov, eversinfo@wisconsin.gov, or govgeneral@wisconsin.gov.

Your request lacks a subject matter. *See* Wis. Stat. § 19.35(1)(h). Despite this, we are making an exception to this requirement, and are providing the responsive records.

We redacted information that relates to the Governor’s security detail. Wis. Stat. § 19.35(1)(a). If this information were to be released, it could be used in an action that could threaten the Governor’s security. This poses a significant threat to the security of the Governor and of the State. The public interest in preventing such security threats far outweighs any benefit the public may receive from the release of this information.

Under the common law balancing test, we redacted unpublished phone numbers of state employees. Making this information available would cause unnecessary and unwarranted interruptions to employees both at work and at home, affecting their ability to work efficiently. There is minimal harm to the public interest given that these same employees are available through publicly available means. Employee personal phone numbers were redacted per Wis. Stat. § 19.36(10)(a).

Please note that while every effort is made to ensure that the Governor's calendar is accurate, it is always possible that any given event did not occur at the precise scheduled time, or was even canceled, depending on unforeseen circumstances.

The Governor’s non-public official direct email address has been redacted as well pursuant to the balancing test. Given the existence of other publicly available means through which to contact the Governor, we have determined that the public interest in avoiding potential disruption to the Governor’s ability to carry out his responsibilities without unnecessary interruption if his direct email address became common knowledge outweighs any public interest in disclosure.

Pursuant to Wis. Stat. § 19.35(4)(b), these determinations are subject to review by mandamus under Wis. Stat. § 19.37(1) or upon application to a district attorney or the Attorney General.

Sincerely,
Office of Legal Counsel
Office of Governor Evers